

shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules and waives all points of order against such amendments except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI.

The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the Rules Committee report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the Committee report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in this report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole.

The rule provides for the reporting to the House of the amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended, and the ordering of the previous question on the bill and amendments except one motion to recommit with or without instructions. It provides that the Chair may entertain a motion that the Committee rise only if offered by the chair of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence or a designee. It provides that the Chair may not entertain a motion to strike out the enacting words of the bill (as described in clause 9 of rule XVIII). Finally, during consideration of the bill, the Chair may reduce to two minutes the minimum time for electronic voting under clause 6 of rule XVIII and clauses 8 and 9 of rule XX. Testimony was heard by Chairman Reyes, Representatives Giffords, Hoekstra, and Kirk.

FIRE GRANT PROGRAMS REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation held a hearing on the Reauthorization of the FIRE Grant Programs. Testimony was heard from Representative Pascrell; Timothy Manning, Deputy Administrator, National Preparedness Directorate, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

PROJECTED PHYSICIAN SHORTAGE

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled "The Looming Challenge for Small Medical Practices: The Projected Physician Shortage and How Health Care Reforms Can Address the Problem." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

GSA CAPITAL INVESTMENT AND LEASING PROGRAM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing on the General Services Administration's Fiscal Year 2010 Capital Investment and Leasing Program (CILP). Testimony was

heard from Anthony Costa, Acting Commissioner, Public Buildings Services, GSA.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to mark up proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for Energy and Water Development, Financial Services and General Government, State, Foreign Operations, and Related Agencies, 2 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of General James E. Cartwright, for reappointment as the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and reappointment to the grade of general, of the Marine Corps, and Admiral Robert F. Willard, for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Commander, Pacific Command, of the Navy, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Wilma A. Lewis, of the Virgin Islands, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Robert V. Abbey, of Nevada, to be Director of the Bureau of Land Management, both of the Department of the Interior; and Richard G. Newell, of North Carolina, to be Administrator of the Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's clean air regulations, one year after the CAIR and CAMR federal court decisions, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to continue consideration of Affordable Health Choices Act, subcommittee assignments, and any nominations cleared for action, 10 a.m., SR-325.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine health care reform, focusing on the concerns and priorities from the perspective of small businesses, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Rural Development, Biotechnology, Specialty Crops, and Foreign Agriculture, hearing to review rural broadband programs, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, Defense Acquisition Reform Panel, hearing on challenges to effective acquisition and management of information technology systems, 8 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittees on Readiness, Air and Land Forces and Seapower and Expeditionary Forces, joint hearing on the status of Army and Marine Corps reset requirements, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, to continue markup of H.R. 3045, Section 8 Voucher Reform Act of 2009, 9:30 a.m., followed by a hearing on H.R. 3068, TARP for Main Street Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Domestic Monetary Policy and Technology, hearing entitled “Regulatory Restructuring: Balancing the Independence of the Federal Reserve Monetary Policy with Systemic Risk Regulation,” 1:30 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, hearing on The Export Administration Act: A Review of Outstanding Policy Considerations, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, to mark up H.R. 1881, Transportation Security Workforce Enhancement Act of 2009, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, hearing on Trends Affecting Minority Broadcast Ownership, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on Home Foreclosures: Will Voluntary Mortgage Modification Help Families Save Their Homes? 1 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2314, Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act of 2009; H.R. 1061, Hoh Indian Tribe Safe Homelands Act; H.R. 715, Saguaro National Park Boundary Expansion and Study Act of 2009; H.R. 1376, Waco Mammoth National Monument Establishment Act of 2009; and H.R. 1121, Blue Ridge Parkway and Town of Blowing Rock Land Exchange Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, hearing on The Rise of the Mexican Drug Cartels and U.S. National Security, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives, hearing on Census Data and Its Use in Federal Formula Funding, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 3082, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2010, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on the Technology Research and Development Efforts to the Energy and Water Linkage, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Contracting and Technology, hearing entitled “Helping Small Business Innovators Through the Research and Experimentation Tax Credit,” 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on The National Maritime Center and Mariner Credentials, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2379, Veterans' Group Life Insurance Improvement Act of 2009; H.R. 2774, Families of Veterans Financial Security Act; and H.R. 2968, To amend title 38, United States Code, to eliminate the required reduction in the amount of the accelerated death benefit payable to certain terminally-ill persons insured under Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance or Veterans' Group Life Insurance, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Health, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1197, Medal of Honor Care Equity Act of 2009; H.R. 1293, Disabled Veterans Home Improvement and Structural Alteration Grant Increase Act of 2009; H.R. 1302, To amend titled 38, United States Code, to establish the position of Director of Physician Assistant Services within the office of the Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Health; H.R. 1335, To amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from collecting certain copayments from veterans who are catastrophically disabled; H.R. 1546, Caring for Veterans with Traumatic Brain Injury Act of 2009; H.R. 2770, Veterans Nonprofit Research and Education Corporations Enhancement Act of 2009; H.R. 2926, To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide, without expiration, hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care for certain Vietnam-era veterans exposed to herbicide and veterans of the Persian Gulf War; and a draft discussion on Family Caregivers, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine commercial real estate, 10 a.m., 2226, Rayburn Building.